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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 9-20, 23-25 and 30-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 9-20, 23-25 and 30-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION

Receipt is acknowledged of amendment filed on August 30, 2006. Claims 1, 9-20, 23-25, and 30-33, and 35 are pending. Obviousness double patenting rejections as indicated in the previous Office action dated March 13, 2006 are withdrawn in view of applicants' claim amendment. New rejections are made in view of further search and consideration.

Claim Objections

Claim 24 is objected to because of the following informalities: In claim 24, line three, the term "Polysorbate" contains typographical error. Appropriate correction is required.

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims 1, 9-20, 23-25, and 30-33, and 35 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-31 and 34-40 of U.S. Patent No. 6451065 B2.

Claim 1 of the '065 patent is directed to a method of reducing malodor of an inanimate object or inanimate surface with a composition which comprises 0.01-1 % by weight of perfume; 0.1-10 % of metallic salt; an aqueous carrier; and solubilizing aid. Claim 23 further requires low molecular weight monohydric alcohol at a level of less than about 5 %. See '065, claims 24-26. In the patent, claim 31 requires cyclodextrin, which is defined in specification, Examples. See instant claims 1, 9-17, 30-32. The Clog P value of the perfume is defined in the specification, col. 6, lines 43-46. The perfume:cyclodextrin ratio of the instant application is obviously met when these components are used in the weight amount as disclosed in the '065 patent. Claims 2-13 of the patent disclose the specific metal salts of instant claims 18-20. The solubilizing agents of instant claims 23-25, fatty acids or esters of ethoxylated sorbitan and mixtures thereof, are disclosed in claims 14-21 of the patent. The specification also defines the water-soluble preservative of '519 claims 29 and 30 in Examples VII and VIII, which contain 5-chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one (Kathon CG), which is the antimicrobial preservative of instant claim 31 (E). For instant claims 33 and 35, although '519 does not claim a method of making the composition, the compositions of the patented claims are defined in Examples, which disclose the process of making clear compositions with specific pH. See also instant claim 30.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the composition of both sets of the claims have overlapping limitations.

Claims 1, 9-20, 23-25, 30-33, and 35 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6248135 B1.

Claim 2 of the '135 patent is directed to a method of using an aqueous composition comprising 0.015-0.3 % by weight of perfume wherein at least 25 % of the perfume ingredients have a Clog P of 3 or smaller and water; and at least 1 % of monohydric alcohol; and optionally 0.1-5 % by weight of solubilized unprotected cyclodextrin. The presently claimed perfume:cyclodextrin ratio is obviously met when these components are used in the weight amount as disclosed in the '135 patent. Claim 3 and specification, col. 8, lines 12 – 17, further define the specific types of cyclodextrin of instant claims 1, 16, and 17. Claim 3 of the patent also requires 0.3-5 % of ZnCl_2 , of instant claims 18-20 and water-soluble preservatives. The specification defines the water-soluble preservative in Examples VII and VIII, which contain 5-chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one (Kathon CG). See instant claim 31 (E). For instant claims 33 and 35, although '135 does not claim a method of making the composition, the compositions of the patented claims are defined in Examples, which disclose the process of making clear compositions with specific pH. See also instant claim 30. Fatty acid esters of ethoxylated sorbitans are defined as a preferred solubilizing aid. See '135, claims 7 and 11; col. 10, lines 5-6; instant claims 23-25.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the composition of both sets of the claims have overlapping limitations.

Claims 1, 9-20, 23-25, 30-33, and 35 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-5 of U.S. Patent No. 6146621.

The composition in '621 claim 1 comprises 0.01-1 % by weight of perfume and aqueous carrier; 1-5 % of monohydric alcohol; and 0.1-5 % by weight of solubilized unprotected cyclodextrin. Claim 4 further requires that at least 25 % of the perfume ingredients have a Clog P value of 3 or smaller. The presently claimed perfume:cyclodextrin ratio is obviously met when these components are used in the weight amount as disclosed in the '621 patent. The patent also defines cyclodextrin as the solubilized cyclodextrins of instant claims 9 –15 and 30-32 in col. 9, lines 23-54. The patented compositions are defined by the Example formulations, which are clear, and contain the water-soluble metallic salts of instant claims 18-20, polysorbate 60 of instant claims 23-25, and Kathon CG (5-chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one and 2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one), as required by instant claims 30-32. See '621, Examples XI and XII; instant claim 35. For instant claims 33 and 35, although '621 does not claim a method of making the composition, the compositions of the patented claims are defined in Examples, which disclose the process of making clear compositions with specific pH. See also instant claim 30.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the composition of both sets of the claims have overlapping limitations.

Claims 1, 9-20, 23-25, 30-33, and 35 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-4 and 8-18 of U.S. Patent No 6,077,318.

Claim 1 of the '318 patent is directed to a method of reducing malodor impression, by using an aqueous composition comprising 0.01-1 % of perfume; low molecular weight monohydric alcohols; 0.1-5 % of unprotected cyclodextrin of cyclodextrin derivative in solubilized form less than about 3 % of solubilizing agent. Claim 4 requires that the perfume ingredients have a Clog P of about 3 or smaller. See instant claim 1(A). The perfume: cyclodextrin weight ratio of the present claims 1, 16 and 17 are also disclosed in '318, claims 8, 12 and 13. The cyclodextrins of instant claims 9-15 are also disclosed in '318 claims 9-11. The patent claims using the metal salts of instant claims 18-20. See '318, claims 14-16. The solubilizing agents of instant claims 23-25, fatty acids of esters of ethoxylated sorbitan and mixtures thereof, are defined in col. 11, lines 43-44. The preservative of the patented claim 19 is defined in col. 13, 65-col. 14, line1, meeting instant claim 31 (E). For claims 33 and 35, although the '621 patent does not claim a method of making the composition, the compositions of the patented claims are defined in Examples, which illustrate the process of making the clear compositions with specific pH. See also instant claim 30.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because both sets of claims are directed to compositions having overlapping claims.

Claims 1, 9-20, 23-25, 30-33, and 35 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-11 and 15-24 of U.S. Patent No 5,668,097.

Claim 1 of the '097 patent is directed to an aqueous spray composition comprising 0.1-5 % of unprotected cyclodextrin or cyclodextrin derivative in solubilized form, 0.0001-0.01 % of a solubilized, water-soluble, antimicrobial preservative, less than about 3 % of a low molecular weight monohydric alcohol. Claims 23 and 24 require that 0.003-0.3 % of a perfume ingredient, and the specification defines that the perfume has a Clog P value of about 3 or smaller. See col. 17, lines 42 – 55. The perfume: cyclodextrin weight ratio of the present claims 1, 16 and 17 are met by using the perfume and cyclodextrin as claimed by the '097. The cyclodextrins of instant claims 9-15 are disclosed in '097 claims 2-8. The patent also claims the metal salts of instant claims 18-20. See '097, claims 20-22. The solubilizing agents of instant claims 23-25, fatty acids or esters of ethoxylated sorbitan and mixtures thereof, are defined in col. 22, lines 20-21. The preservative of instant claim 31 (E) is disclosed in patented claims 15 and 16.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because both sets of claims are directed to compositions having overlapping limitations. For claims 33 and 35, although the '097 patent does not claim a

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method of making the composition, the compositions of the patented claims are defined in Examples, which illustrate process of making clear compositions.

Claims 1, 9-20, 23-25, 30-33, and 35 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-17 of U.S. Patent No 5,670,475.

Claim 1 of the '475 patent is directed to a method of treating an inanimate article or surface, to remove malodor impression, by using an aqueous composition comprising 0.01-1 % of perfume, 0.1-5 % of unprotected cyclodextrin or cyclodextrin derivative in solubilized form, 0.0001-0.01 % of a solubilized, water-soluble, and 0.1-10% of water-soluble salts selected from zinc, copper, and mixtures, and less than about 5 % of a low molecular weight monohydric alcohol. Claim 4 requires that the perfume have a Clog P value of about 3 or smaller. The perfume: cyclodextrin weight ratio of the present claims 1, 16 and 17 is taught in claims 8, 12, and 13 of the '475 patent. The cyclodextrins of instant claims 9-15 are disclosed in '475 claims 9-11. The patent claims using the metal salts of instant claims 18-20. See '475, claims 14 and 15. The solubilizing agents of instant claims 23-25, fatty acids or esters of ethoxylated sorbitan and mixtures thereof, are defined in col. 10, line 14. The specification defines the composition of the patent in Examples, which contain the antimicrobial preservative of claim 31 (E). For claims 33 and 35, although the '097 patent does not claim a method of making the composition the compositions of the patented claims are defined in Examples, which illustrate the process of making the clear compositions with specific pH. See also instant claim 30.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because both sets of claims are directed to compositions having overlapping claims.

Claims 1, 9-20, 23-25, 30-33, and 35 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3 of U.S. Patent No 5,663,134.

Claim 2 of the '134 patent is directed to an article of manufacture, which is a spray dispenser containing an aqueous spray composition comprising 0.015-0.3 % of perfume wherein at least 25 % of the perfume ingredients have a Clog P of 3 or smaller, 0.1-5 % of hydroxypropyl beta-cyclodextrin, wherein the weight ratio of perfume:cyclodextrin is about 5:100-25:100, 0.3-5 % of a solubilized, water-soluble $ZnCl_2$, and 0.05-1 % of low-foaming surfactant, and 0.0001-0.01 % of mixture of an antimicrobial containing 5-chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one. The composition further contains less than about 3 % of a low molecular weight monohydric alcohol. See instant claims 1, 9, 10, 14, 16-20, 30-32. See patented claims 1 and 3 for the types of cyclodextrin of instant claims 12, 13, and 15. The solubilizing agents of instant claims 23-25, fatty acids or esters of ethoxylated sorbitan and mixtures thereof, are defined in col. 11, line 53. For claims 33 and 35, although the '134 patent does not claim a method of making the composition the compositions of the patented claims are defined in Examples, which illustrate the process of making the clear compositions with specific pH. See also instant claim 30.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because both sets of claims are directed to compositions having overlapping claims.

Claims 1, 9-20, 23-25, and 30-33, and 35 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No 5,783,544.

Claim 1 of the '544 patent is directed to an article of manufacture, which comprises a spray dispenser and an aqueous composition for reducing malodor impression, comprising 0.01-1 % by weight of perfume, an aqueous carrier, and a monohydric alcohol at a level of less than 5 %. Claim 4 requires that at least 25 % of the perfume have perfume ingredients having a Clog P value of 3 or smaller. The cyclodextrin of instant claims 1, 12, 13, and 15 and the perfume:cyclodextrin ratio of instant claims 1, 16, and 17 are disclosed in patented claims 8-17. The metal salts of instant claims 18-20 are disclosed in claims 18-20 of the patent. The solubilizing agents of instant claims 23-25, fatty acids of esters of ethoxylated sorbitan and mixtures thereof, are defined in col. 10, line 48. The specification defines the composition of the patent in Examples, which contain Kathon CG, which is antimicrobial preservative comprising the component of claim 31 (E). For claims 33 and 35, although the '544 patent does not claim a method of making the composition, the compositions of the patented claims are defined in Examples, which illustrate process of making clear compositions.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the composition of the patented claims and the presently claimed composition are both directed to an aqueous composition having overlapping limitations.

Claims 1, 9-20, 23-25, and 30-33, and 35 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 3, 4, 6-10, 14, 16, 17, 19-26, 29, and 31, 34-36 of copending Application No 10/222.519.

Claim 1 of the '519 application is directed to a method of using an aqueous composition comprising 0.01-1 % by weight of perfume, an aqueous carrier, water-soluble, uncomplexed cyclodextrin, and a monohydric alcohol at a level of less than 5 %. Claims 34-36 of the '519 application require that at least 25 % of the perfume has perfume ingredients having a Clog P value of 3 or smaller. Claims 23-25 require low molecular weight monohydric alcohol at a level of less than about 5 % by weight. The cyclodextrin of instant claims 1, 12, 13, and 15 are disclosed in claims 3, 4, 6-10 of the '519 application. The presently claimed weight ratio of perfume:cyclodextrin is met when the components are added by the weight amounts as disclosed in the '519 claims. The solubilizing agents of instant claims 23-25, fatty acids or esters of ethoxylated sorbitan and mixtures thereof, are disclosed in '519 claims 16 and 17. The metallic salt of '519, claim 31, is defined in the specification, col. 13, line 17. See instant claims 18-20. The specification also defines the water-soluble preservative of '519 claims 29 and 30 in Examples VII and VIII, which contain Kathon CG, which is

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antimicrobial preservative comprising the component of instant claim 31 (E). For instant claims 33 and 35, although '519 does not claim a method of making the composition, the compositions of the copending claims are defined in Examples, which illustrate process of making clear compositions with specific pH. See also instant claim 30.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because both sets of claims are directed to aqueous compositions having overlapping limitations.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

Conclusion

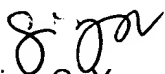
No claims are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gina C. Yu whose telephone number is 571-272-8605. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, from 8:00AM until 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreeni Padmanabhan can be reached on 571-272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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